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a composite substrate having an exterior layer that presents a first exterior surface;

8% a core defining the interior of said substrate, said core being exposed on a second

exterior surface of said substrate; and

treated paper substantially covering and affixed to at least a portion of said second exterior surface.

- 2. The wood product of claim 1 wherein said substrate comprises laminated veneer lumber and wherein said first surface comprises a surface on an outer veneer of said substrate and said second surface comprises edges of veneer layers in said laminated veneer lumber.
  - 3. The wood product of claim 1 wherein said substrate comprises fiberboard and wherein said first surface comprises a top surface of said fiberboard and said second surface comprises an edge of said fiberboard.
  - 4. The wood product of claim 1 wherein said substrate is elongate and wherein said paper covers a side edge of said substrate.
  - 5. The wood product of claim 4 wherein said paper covers both a portion of said first exterior surface and said side edge.
  - 6. The wood product of claim 5 wherein said paper covers substantially all of said substrate.
  - 7. The wood product of claim 6 wherein said substrate has a substantially rectangular cross section and where said paper covers at least three sides thereof.
- The wood product of claim 7 wherein said substrate covers a portion of a fourth side thereof.

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9. A wood product comprising:

a laminated veneer lumber substrate having face defined by a surface of a first veneer, a rear surface defined by a surface of a second veneer, and opposing side surfaces defined by veneer edges;

treated paper having a surface that is conformed tightly against at least a portion of one of the side surfaces; and

adhesive disposed between the paper surface and said one side surface.

- 10. The wood product of claim 9 wherein said paper surface conforms to at least a portion of both said face and said one side surface.
- 11. The wood product of claim 10 wherein said paper surface substantially conforms to a surface defining a transition between the face and side surface.
- 12. The wood product of claim 11 wherein said paper surface is conformed tightly against least a portion of each of the side surfaces.
- 13. The wood product of claim 12 wherein said paper surface is conformed against all of each of the side surfaces.
- 14. The wood product of claim 13 wherein said paper surface is conformed against at least a portion of the rear surface adjacent the intersection of each of the side surfaces with the rear surface.
- 25 15. The wood product of claim 14 wherein the transition between said face and said one side surface is rounded.
  - 16. A wood product comprising:

a composite substrate having first and second exposed surfaces, said first surface being more finished and moisture resistant relative to said second surface;

treated paper covering at least a portion of said second surface; and adhesive disposed between said treated paper and said portion of said second surface.

- 17. The wood product of claim 16 wherein said substrate comprises laminated veneer lumber and wherein said first surface comprises a surface on an outer veneer of said substrate and said second surface comprises edges of veneer layers in said laminated veneer lumber.
- 18. The wood product of claim 16 wherein said substrate comprises fiberboard and wherein said first surface comprises a top surface of said fiberboard and said second surface comprises an edge of said fiberboard.
- 19. The wood product of claim 16 wherein said substrate is elongate and wherein said paper covers a side edge of said substrate.
- 20. The wood product of claim 19 wherein said paper covers both a portion of said first surface and said side edge.
- 21. The wood product of claim 20 wherein said paper covers substantially all of said substrate.
- The wood product of claim 21 wherein said substrate has a substantially rectangular cross section and where said paper covers at least three sides thereof.
- 23. The wood product of claim 22 wherein said substrate covers a portion of a fourth side thereof.

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